

REMARKS

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 2, 2003. Claims 11, 12, and 14-22 are pending in this application, with Claims 11, 12, 14, 21, and 22 having been allowed. Claims 11, 15, and 17 are in independent form. Claims 15 and 17, which are the non-allowed independent claims, have been amended to define more clearly what Applicant regards as the invention. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

First, Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of Claims 11, 12, 14, 21, and 22.

The Office Action rejected Claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,072,602 (Sun et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,444,318 (Alexander), and as being unpatentable over Sun et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,592,746 (Ternes). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

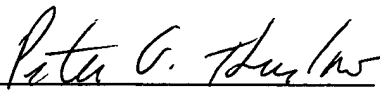
Applicant submits that independent Claims 15 and 17 have been amended to incorporate the feature of a holding member adapted to rotatably hold the image sensor unit, which is provided in the Examiner's reasons for allowing independent Claim 11. Therefore, Applicant submits that Claims 15 and 17, and their dependent claims, are now allowable as well.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and the allowance of the present application.

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